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September 10th, 1914

Dr. T. Kennard Thomson;

50 Church Street,

New York.

My dear Dr. Thomson:

We shall go slowly in the matter of the appointment of a successor to Dean Galbraith for I want to be sure before making any recommendation to the Board that we have secured the best available man. I have had no more important problem to solve since coming to Toronto than the filling of the Deanship. After this disastrous war is over Canada will take a leap forward and there will be a special demand for thoroughly equipped men and we need a man who can guide us in the new movements.

In all probability Dr. Ellis will be willing to act for the year as Dean. I shall be very glad if you will send me any names that may occur to you of sufficiently wide experience and ability to fill the position. I am making inquiries from various sources.

We all miss Dean Galbraith very much. He was one of my warm friends and I look back with a great deal of pleasure to the seven years' intercourse I had with him. He was, however, fortunate in the time of his death, because he still had all his powers and never had the experience of some old people of feeling that his day was past. There could not have been a finer ending than the great banquet that was given to him last December. I saw Jack Galbraith last night and got from him an account of the close. He is going to be a fine man I believe.

Mrs. Falconer and I had rather an eventful voyage from Norway

to England and we are glad to be safe home.

With kind regards to Mrs. Thomson and yourself,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 18th, 1914

Dr. T. Kennard Thomson,

50 Church Street,

New York.

My dear Dr. Thomson:

I agree with you that proficiency in the English language should be an essential in the education of an engineer. It seems to me that this should be attended to before he enters upon his professional career, and I have for a good while been of the opinion that before long we should require honour English at Matriculation of those who are entering upon the Faculty of Applied Science. Honour Mathematics has recently been added, and it may be that we cannot immediately add the other, but in my judgment it must not be long delayed.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 19th, 1914

T. Kennard Thomson, Esq., D. Sc.,

50 Church Street,

New York.

My dear Dr. Thomson:

I am enclosing you a letter which I have just received from Sir William Mulock. If you can add anything to make this concert a success I am sure it will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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2 West 47th St.,
Oct. 31th, 1914.

To the Members of the
University of Toronto Club
of New York.

Dear Sir:--

The letter quoted below and signed by Sir. William Mulock, President of the "Toronto and ~~New~~ York County Patriotic Fund Association" has been forwarded to us by President Dr. Falconer:

> "The American Aid Soceity of Canada is endeavoring to raise funds for the general relief throughout Canada of persons suffering because of the War, and for the purpose of helping on such work intends to hold a Concert in New York about the middle of November, 1914. Mr. John A. Stewart, of the Woolworth Building, Broadway, New York, is actively interesting himself in the matter, and it is most important that the Concert prove a success.
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> Doubtless you are in touch with Associations or have acquaintances in New York who sympathize with this most worthy and patriotic object of the American Aid Society of Canada. If so, perhaps you would have the kindness to communicate with them, with a view to their putting themselves in touch with Mr. Stewart, who will most heartily welcome their cooperation."

It is believed that our members will gladly render every possible assistance to this worthy cause.

Very truly yours,
H. F. Ballantyne,
Sec'y.

Respectfully forwarded to President Falconer.
F. Kenwood Thomson

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December 24th, 1914

Dr. T. Kennard Thomson,

50 Church Street,

New York.

My dear Dr. Thomson:

Many thanks for your pamphlet on "A Really Greater New York". I hope that you will be able to have some of your great ideas carried into effect. Meantime, please give to Mrs. Thomson and accept for yourself my kind regards and the compliments of the season in which I am sure Mrs. Falconer will join.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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New York, February Fifteenth 1915

Dr. Robert A. Falconer, LL.D., &c.,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. President:-

I hope that you have been able to secure Duggan, whose connection with the Bridge Company, if retained, would be of great value to the University, but, in case you have not, allow me to suggest that the next best man I know of is Mr. A. R. Raymer, S.P.S.'84, Assistant Chief Engineer P. & L.E. Railway, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Raymer has always been a thorough student, ~~and~~ an able Engineer and a very loyal Canadian. His strict attention to his work in hand and his natural modesty are the only things which have kept him out of the lime-light. I do not know of any other Graduate of the '80's who could measure up to these two.

Very sincerely yours,

T. Kennard Thomson

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February 16th, 1915

Dr. T. Kennard Thomson,

50 Church Street,

New York.

Dear Dr. Thomson:-

I was in Montreal yesterday, and I am very doubtful whether it would be possible to secure Mr. Duggan, in fact more than doubtful. I have a feeling that we could not get him. In the meantime we shall do nothing, but I am glad to get the name that you mention to me, and I will look into that.

I enjoyed very much my visit to New York, and I appreciate your great kindness to me.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Private and Confidential. March 1st, 1915

My dear Dr. Thomson:

Mr. Duggan has suggested the name of Mr. Fairbairn, a graduate of the School who has been Assistant Chief Engineer of the C.B.R., as a possible man for the position of Dean. Do you know anything about Mr. Fairbairn ? I shall be glad if you will keep this private.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dr. T. Kennard Thomson,
50 Church Street,
New York.